

Committee on Ethics and Elections

SB 984 — Exemption from Legislative Lobbying Requirements

by Senator Braynon

The bill clarifies that the use of a public facility or public property provided from a governmental entity to a legislator for a public purpose is not an expenditure for purposes of the “legislative expenditure ban” in s. 11.045, F.S., regardless of whether the governmental entity is a principal. Unlike the current Rules of the Florida Senate and the Administrative Policy Manual of the Florida House of Representatives, this statutory exception does not include any requirement for approval by the presiding officers prior to the expenditure being made between the governmental entity and the legislator.

If approved by the Governor, these provisions take effect July 1, 2015.

Vote: Senate 38-0; House 119-0